

Lincoln, Nebraska
June 8, 2011

**JUSTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

The Justice Behavioral Health Committee (JBHC) of the Community Corrections Council (Council) met Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in room 204, at Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was open to the public and was preceded by advance publicized notice in the Lincoln Journal Star.

Members Present:

Angie Aphorpe
Scott Carlson
Dave Carver
Gene Cotter
Kathleen Grant
Troy Greve
Lori Griggs
Anne Hansen
Jim Harvey
Joan Huss
Linda Krutz
Dallas Massey
Deb Minardi
Terri Nutzman
Travis Parker
Bruce Prenda
Brenda Rohren
Steve Rowoldt, Co-Chair
Julie Scott
Kathy Seacrest
Richard Thomas
Mike Tolley
Barry Walker
Mark Weilage
Linda Wittmuss, Co-Chair

Members Absent:

Roxie Cillessen
Carol Coussons de Reyes
Eleanor Devlin
Scott Helvie
Tom Maxson
Dennis McChargue
Mike Overton
Frank Peak
T. Hank Robinson

Council Staff Present:

Tia Bachman
Jeff Beaty

Others Present:

Lisa Jones

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Linda Wittmuss, Associate Regional Administrator, Region V Services and Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., announced the meeting was subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, and gave an overview of the meeting. Attendance is indicated above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members reviewed the March 9, 2011 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Kathy Seacrest and seconded by Deb Minardi to approve the March 9, 2011 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW, NOMINATIONS, AND UPDATES

Brenda Rohren, Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner (LIMHP), Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP), Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC), and Master Addiction Counselor (MAC), nominated Tom Maxson, MS, LIMHP, LADC, Substance Abuse Professional (SAP), to fill the LMHP Licensing Board position previously held by Vickie Frizzell-Pratt.

Steve Rowoldt, Deputy Probation Administrator in Charge of Field Services, and Co-Chair, nominated Gene Cotter, Chief Probation Officer, to fill the Chief Probation Officer position previously held by Rowoldt.

A ballot vote was conducted and members elected Tom Maxson to fill the LMHP Licensing Board position and Gene Cotter to fill the Chief Probation Officer position.

CURRICULUM SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Scott Carlson arrived at 9:17 a.m.

Wittmuss presented the final version of the *Performance Rubrics for Addiction and Criminal Justice Professionals (Rubrics)* and noted all JBHC members were emailed the final version. The Rubrics were not presented at the cancelled May 13, 2011 Council meeting as intended. Next steps would include presentation of the Rubrics to professional licensing committees as guidelines, the creation of a list of trainers with experience in the topics discussed in the Rubrics, and dissemination of the Rubrics.

Wittmuss will create a cover letter to be attached to the Rubrics sent out to training institutions including Doane College, Chadron State College, Southeast Community College, Metropolitan Community College, and Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC). The Rubrics can also be discussed at a Jail Standards Board meeting and distributed to the training departments of the state agencies represented at

JBHC. Probation will utilize the Rubrics as a guide for developing training and as a reference for registered providers to plan their continuing education units (CEU).

Wittmuss will attend a Provider Sub-committee meeting to discuss the list of trainers. The Rubrics will continue to be on the agenda twice a year to follow up on each agency's distribution and use.

PROVIDER SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Joan Huss, LMHP, LADC, noted the minutes from the March 3, May 5, and June 2, 2011 Provider Sub-committee meetings are included in the packet. Members discussed item 2 of the *Standards for Registered Service Providers for Treatment of Criminal Justice Clients* dated June 2, 2011 and voiced concern with the lack of group treatment experience required to treat criminal justice clients. Research could be reviewed to compare the effectiveness of group therapy and individual therapy.

A motion was made by Dave Carver and seconded by Bruce Prenda to approve item 2 of the Standards for Registered Service Providers for Treatment of Criminal Justice Clients dated June 2, 2011. The motion was defeated by a vote of 20-4.

Angie Apthorpe left at 10:30a.m.

A 10 minute break was called by Wittmuss.

Committee reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

Jim Harvey arrived at 10:35 a.m.

Rowoldt requested the Provider Sub-committee review the available research comparing the benefits of group versus individual therapy for criminal justice clients. Huss agreed and will report back at the September 14, 2011 JBHC meeting.

DATA SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

Rowoldt discussed the future of the Data Sub-committee and said it will be jumpstarted in the next three months. Jim Harvey, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Behavioral Health (DBH), suggested members view a data report located on the DHHS website that shows the overlap of behavioral health and criminal justice systems. Harvey also suggested inviting Shinobu Watanabe-Galloway, Ph.D. to the September 14, 2011 JBHC meeting to discuss a grant DHHS has with the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Public Health.

PROBATION ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Deb Minardi, Deputy Probation Administrator for Community Corrections Programs, discussed a grant received by Probation Administration that will fund co-occurring, mental health, and sex offender evaluations over a two year period beginning July 2011. Pilot sites for the grant are located at reporting centers in the second, third, fourth, sixth, ninth, and eleventh judicial districts. Adult and juvenile offenders are

eligible to receive funding if the evaluation is ordered as part of a presentence or predisposition investigation in County, District, or Juvenile Court.

PAROLE ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Anne Hansen, Deputy Parole Administrator, gave an update on parole. The Lincoln parole office has been moved to Trabert Hall where the Lancaster County Reporting Center is already located. Parole is planning a collaborative training event on Motivational Interviewing for Probation, Parole, Reporting Centers, and Drug Courts. The training would enable participants to become master trainers who could then give training throughout the state.

SEX OFFENDER UPDATE

Parole and Probation have dedicated office space and equipment for polygraph technicians to assist in the transitioning of sex offenders.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL REPORT

Linda Krutz, Executive Director, Council, gave an update on the activities of the Council. Legislative Bill (LB) 390 was signed into law on May 26, 2011. The bill abolishes the Council effective July 1, 2011 and creates a Division of Community Corrections within the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (NCC). All community corrections funds controlled by the Council will be transferred to the Judicial Branch.

At this time, JBHC will continue on as a committee of NCC. Bylaws will be reviewed at the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The location is yet to be determined.

There being no further business, at 11:26 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tia M. Bachman